

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A tonometric device (20) for examination of respiratory insufficiency and regional tissue perfusion failure in patients comprising a distal end (22) for introducing into the gastrointestinal tract of the body of a patient, a section (24) to be introduced into the body, and a section (3) for fixing the position of the device to the patient, wherein the section to be introduced (24) comprises a first tube (1) to which an additional tubing (4) is connected, characterized in that it comprises a second tube (2) arranged substantially parallel with and fixed to the first tube (1), wherein the distal end (22) of the second tube (2) is in communicating connection with the first tube (1), and the first tube (1) and the second tube (2) are made of a material readily permeable for gases and ~~especially for carbon dioxide but~~ substantially impermeable for body fluids and other substances, ~~preferably of silicone rubber,~~ and an additional tubing (5) is connected to the second tube (2).

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the connecting means (6, 7) are constructed for connecting them to the connecting stub of a medical syringe.

15. (previously presented) A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the outer diameter of the tubes (1, 2) ranges from 1 to 4 mm and the wall thickness ranges from 0.3 to 1.0 mm.

16. (previously presented) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the outer diameter of the first tube (1) ranges from 2 to 4 mm and its wall thickness from 0.5 to 1.0 mm, and the outer diameter of the second tube (2) ranges from 1.0 to 1.5 mm and its wall thickness from 0.3 to 0.5 mm.

17. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim ~~14~~ 16, wherein the second tube (2) ~~is built together with the first tube (1), or the second tube (2) is~~ formed as a second passage (2') in the wall surrounding the passage (1') of the first tube (1).

18. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the additional tubings (4, 5) are connected to each other and form a closed system with the tubes (1, 2), wherein the closed system is filled up with an aqueous solution indicator-~~containing liquid~~ suitable for detecting carbon-dioxide concentration, said solution containing sodium hydrogen carbonate (NaHCO₃), sodium chloride (NaCl) and phenolic red.

19. (new) The device according to claim 11, wherein the first tube (1) and the second tube (2) are made of silicone rubber.

20. (new) The device according to claim 11, wherein a gas of the gases is carbon dioxide.